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Dear Harold,

No major news but a few goodies:

CD 179 indicates that sometime in 1961 a person using Oswald's name and address and posing as pro-Castro attempted to buy a car in New Orleans. This may be of interest in light of the Deslatte affair. (Copy of pages 1 and 2 enclosed; I do not have the rest yet.) (As far as I know, this CD was first noticed by Josiah Thompson in 1966; I learned of it through his notes.)

Allegations have been made about unidentified "federal agents" at the scene of the assassination. It seems strange that FBI agent Nat Pinkston was on the sixth floor of the TSBD "immediately after the assassination" but did not testify as to what he saw (26H801).

Having reread the relevant testimony, both Stan and I feel that the person Doyle and Wilson took to be Oswald's companion on August 9, 1963, may have been Celso Hernandez.

From the Archives:

CD 1359 is withheld "at the request of" the FBI.

CE 710 "has not been found in the Commission's records." (!) (Cf. 4H193-4)

"No cover letter or memorandum relating to FBI Exhibit D-25 has been located in the relevant files of the Commission." (This is interesting because D-25 includes a handbill apparently obtained by Quigley from Oswald on 8/10/63; as you know, I am interested in the Corliss Lamont pamphlet presumably obtained at the same time.)

The more I look at CE 826, the Kaack report, the fishier it appears. The testimony and the reports in the appendix to O in N.O. give, I think, a substantially different picture of the FBI's knowledge of Oswald's activities. The "summary" at WR 435-437 is, to say the least, inadequate. (More on all this later.) If you have documents relating to Oswald's activities in August 1963 which are not in your appendix to O in N.O., I would appreciate copies or references.

Sincerely,

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